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**KING'S
RANSOM**

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

KING'S RANSOM *Part One*

To make ends meet, Peter took a high-paying gig from Norah Winters and J. Jonah Jameson at *Threats & Menaces*. The gig came with a new high-tech suit, which allows *TNM* subscribers to watch the world through Spidey's eyes. Subscriptions went through the roof as viewers got to experience Spider-Man take down super villains, who seem to be cropping up at an alarming rate.

The villains are working for NYC mayor Wilson Fisk, A.K.A. the Kingpin, who's seeking the pieces of the powerful Lifeline Tablet. Peter and his roommate, "reformed villain" Fred Myers, A.K.A. Boomerang, have been trying to keep the pieces out of Kingpin's hands, so Kingpin is doing everything in his power to distract Spidey and Boomerang while he schemes behind the scenes. Meanwhile, Peter's other roommate, Randy Robertson--son of the *Daily Bugle's* Robbie Robertson--has rekindled his relationship with Janice Lincoln. She's the villain known as the Beetle--and the daughter of Robbie's archenemy, Tombstone!

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RAVENCROFT.

THERE WAS SOMETHING OF A **BREAK-THROUGH** THE OTHER DAY.

WITH **NORMIE**, I MEAN.

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT TRYING TO SALVAGE THAT RELATIONSHIP WAS AS MUCH A LOST CAUSE AS **OUR OWN**.

BUT THEN I SHOWED HIM THIS PHOTO OF US...

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS DAY?

OF COURSE NOT.

JUST
KNOW, HARRY--
I WOULD GIVE
ANYTHING--

--ANYTHING
AT ALL--TO
GO BACK TO
THAT DAY.

TO
BEFORE
I....

YOU
MUST
BELIEVE ME,
SON.

FWUP

I DIDN'T
KNOW...

THE FOOL.
HE THINKS NO
ONE CAN OVERRIDE
THE SECURITY AND
SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEMS OF HIS
HOSPITAL.

HE FORGETS
THAT RAVENCROFT
BELONGS TO
WILSON FISK.

AS DOES THE
PRISONER IN HIS
CHARGE.

THIS IS YOUR
DEMON, THEN? THE
ONE YOU CALL
KINDRED?

THAT'S THE ONE. I'D
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
RECOGNIZE HIM. GIVEN
ALL YOUR EXPERTISE
IN THIS AREA--



--BARON MORDO.

THE HELLS ARE BIG PLACES, KINGPIN. I MAY NOT KNOW ALL THEIR DENIZENS, BUT LUCKY FOR YOU--



--I DO KNOW WHAT MAKES THEM BLEED.

I'M MORE INTERESTED IN MAKING HIM TALK.

WHEN NEW YORK WAS TRAPPED IN DARKNESS*, YOU AND I FOUND OURSELVES AT ODDS. BUT NOW IT SEEMS OUR INTERESTS MAY ALIGN.

*BACK IN SECRET EMPIRE. --NL



OH, THE TABLET OF DEATH AND ENTROPY INTERESTS ME A GREAT DEAL, MAYOR FISK.

AND IT CAN BE YOURS FOR A SIMPLE PRICE. THE TABLET IS A MEANS TO AN END FOR ME.

THIS KINDRED CAN GIVE ME WHAT I WANT JUST AS EASILY--PROVIDED HE'S WILLING TO GRANT MY REQUEST.

AND YOU'D LIKE ME TO HELP YOU CONVINCE HIM.



VERY WELL, THEN. I DO SO LOVE A CHALLENGE. I MUST WARN YOU, THOUGH--

"--THINGS
COULD GET
VERY UGLY."

THWANG

BANG

OKAY, THINGS
ARE GETTING
PRETTY UGLY.

WE'VE BEEN MAKING
SOME REAL **PROGRESS**,
BOOMERANG AND I, ON
FINDING THE LIFELINE
TABLET FRAGMENTS BEFORE
WILSON FISK DOES.

BUT LATELY IT
SEEMS LIKE WE'VE
BEEN RUNNING
INTO A LOT OF--

KRAK

--OUTSIDE
INTERFERENCE.

IN THIS CASE,
HAMMERHEAD
AND HIS CRONIES.

THWEP

FRED--
UP
THERE!

I SEE IT!
DON'T WORRY,
SPIDEY--

BOFF



FRONK

--I'M ON IT!

GO, GO, GADGET BOOTS!

SMEK



THWEP-KWOP

UNFF-- STUPID MYERS. ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT THE BOOTS.



GUESS IT'S JUST YOU AND ME NOW, WEBS!

GZZZZ

WHICH IS NOT THE PARTNERSHIP I'M LOOKING FOR. BUT THEN AGAIN--

--MY JUDGMENT IN THAT DEPARTMENT'S BEEN OFF LATELY.

GOT IT, PAL! NOW, LET'S BLOW THIS JOI--

SO WHAT COULD BE WORSE THAN A MOB BOSS TRYING TO KILL YOU AND GET A PIECE OF A MEGA-POWERFUL ANCIENT ARTIFACT? YOU GUESSED IT--



KOOOOOM

--TWO MOB BOSSES TRYING TO KILL YOU AND GET A PIECE OF A MEGA-POWERFUL ANCIENT ARTIFACT.

AND IF THE OWL AND HAMMERHEAD AREN'T ENOUGH--

THE GAME'S AFOOT, GENTLEMEN!

--THANKS TO THE KINGPIN, THERE'S EVEN MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.



WAIT HERE.

AW, YOU *SURE* YOU DON'T WANT HELP RUSHING INTO CERTAIN DEATH?

AND IF THINGS WERE HEATING UP WITH US, WELL--

THWEP



--THAT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT WAS GOING DOWN BACK AT THE APARTMENT.

OF COURSE, NOT EVERYONE WAS HAPPY ABOUT THAT, EITHER.



LINCOLN...



ROBERTSON...

LOVE AND WAR--



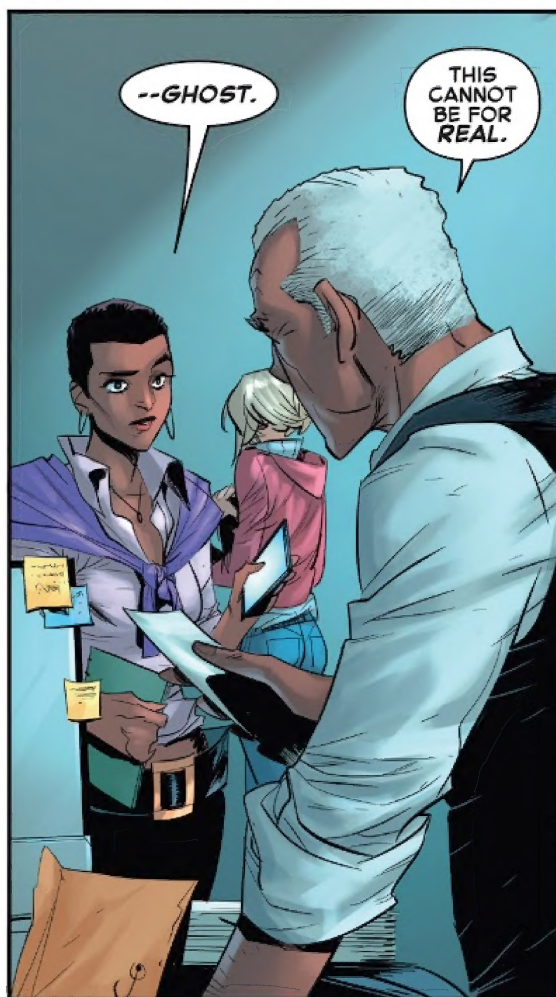
--MORE IN
COMMON THAN
YOU'D THINK.

NO...
NO...



...NO,
IT CAN'T
BE...

YOU OKAY,
BOSS? YOU
LOOK LIKE YOU
SEEN A--



--GHOST.

THIS CANNOT
BE FOR
REAL.



GLORY, HAS
ANYBODY ELSE
SEEN THESE
PICTURES?

NO...

GOOD.
KEEP IT THAT
WAY. YOU TELL THE
PHOTOGRAPHER TO
HOLD ON TO ANY AND
ALL COPIES UNTIL I
SAY OTHERWISE,
GOT IT?



YEAH...
YEAH, I GOT
IT, ROBBIE. BUT
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?



LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE.

YEAH,
BECAUSE
THESE
TWO--



BUT I PREFER TO FOCUS ON THE **PRESENT**.

AT LAST--
BOOMERANG IS **MINE!**

ESPECIALLY
WHEN IT'S
TRYING TO
KILL US.



WAIT--
WHOSE?

THWIP



GET
YOUR WEIRD
LITTLE BIRD
HANDS OFF 'IM,
OWLSLEY!



I
WAS HERE
FIRST!



WELL, THAT'S
A LUCKY
BREAK.

THIS IS WHY
THE MOB NEVER
GETS AHEAD, YOU KNOW.
THE INFIGHTING. IT'S
NOT LIKE THE MOVIES.



IT'S JUST
LIKE THE
MOVIES.

BANG

BLAM

FEEM



GO, FRED! NOW!



WITH HIM CLEAR AND THESE IDIOTS BUSY TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER, I'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH OF AN OPENING.



THE NEW SUIT MEANS I'M MOVING FASTER, HITTING MORE TARGETS--



--MAKING IT ALL LOOK EASY.



THAT WAS THE WEB-MUCK, WASN'T IT?

OF COURSE IT WAS THE WEB-MUCK.

BAD GUYS NABBED, FRAGMENT SECURED, AND ALL IN TIME TO GET BACK TO MY--



--ADORING FANS?!

THWEP

THERE HE IS! THE GUY FROM THE LIVESTREAM!

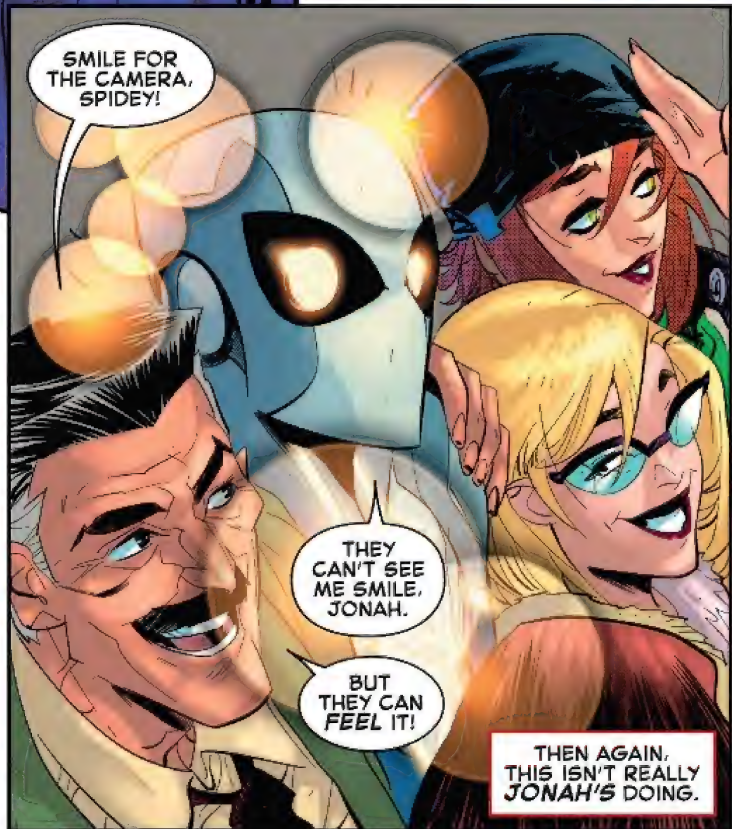


CHEERING CROWDS, SELFIES WITH INSTAGRAM CELEBRITIES-- I'M STILL GETTING USED TO THIS.



THERE HE IS!

YEAH, STILL GETTING USED TO THIS, TOO.

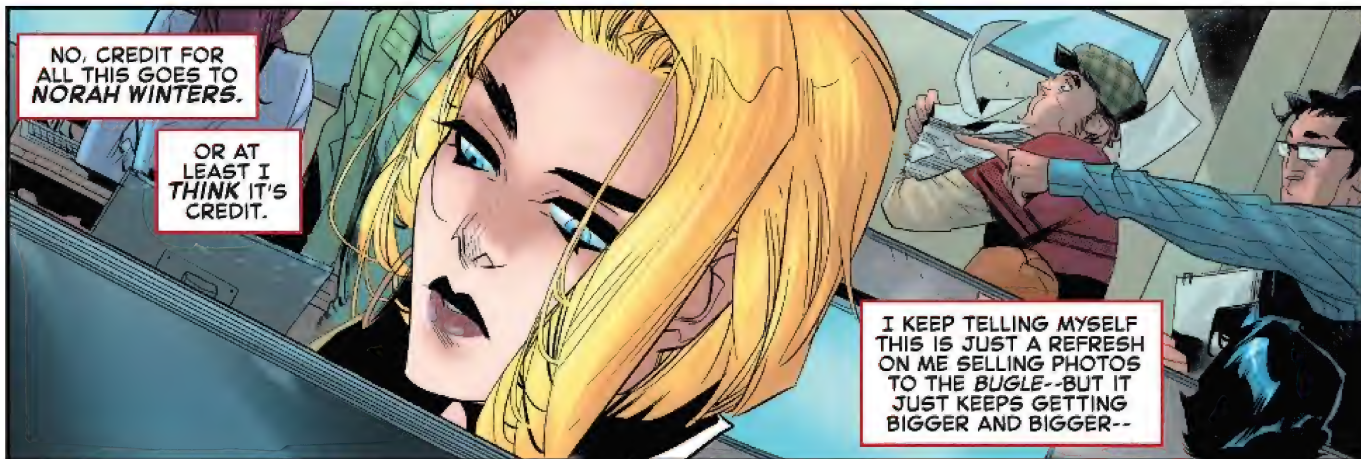


SMILE FOR THE CAMERA, SPIDEY!

THEY CAN'T SEE ME SMILE, JONAH.

BUT THEY CAN FEEL IT!

THEN AGAIN, THIS ISN'T REALLY JONAH'S DOING.



NO, CREDIT FOR ALL THIS GOES TO NORAH WINTERS.

OR AT LEAST I THINK IT'S CREDIT.

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF THIS IS JUST A REFRESH ON ME SELLING PHOTOS TO THE BUGLE--BUT IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER--



--NOT THAT THERE HAVEN'T BEEN UPSIDES. PUBLIC AWARENESS, FOR ONE.

NOT *EVERYONE* BELIEVES MY SIDE OF THE STORY, BUT LIVESTREAMING THE HUNT FOR THE FRAGMENTS HAS STARTED TO PUT A REAL DENT IN MAYOR FISK'S APPROVAL RATING.



ALSO, THE MEMES ARE SOLID.



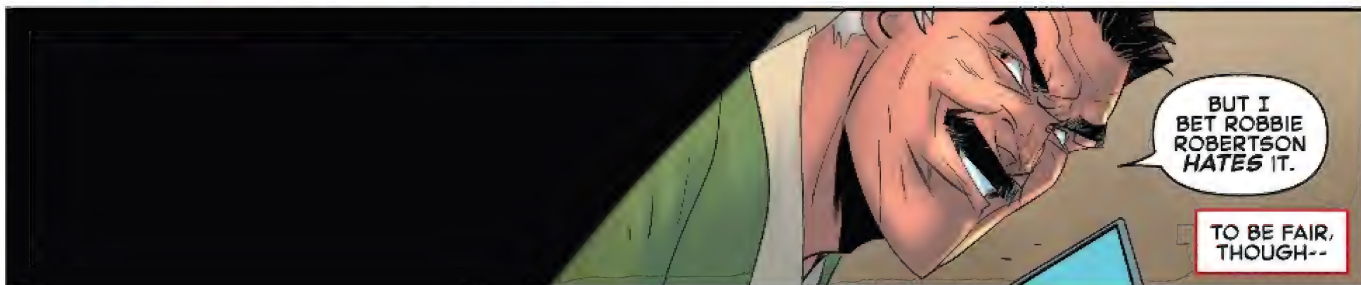
WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE?

AND DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US TOMORROW AT 7:00 EASTERN AS SPIDEY HERE DOES HIS VERY FIRST A.M.A.! SHOULD BE EXCITING!



JONAH, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT AN A.M.A. IS?

NOPE.



BUT I BET ROBBIE ROBERTSON HATES IT.

TO BE FAIR, THOUGH--





H-HOW DID YOU GET THIS? WERE YOU...*SPYING* ON ME?

NO, SON-- I WAS SPYING ON HER.



YOU SEE, I'M AN *INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST*, AND THAT YOUNG LADY YOU'RE *NECKING* WITH THERE--

NECKING?

--IS A *CRIMINAL* WE'RE *INVESTIGATING*!

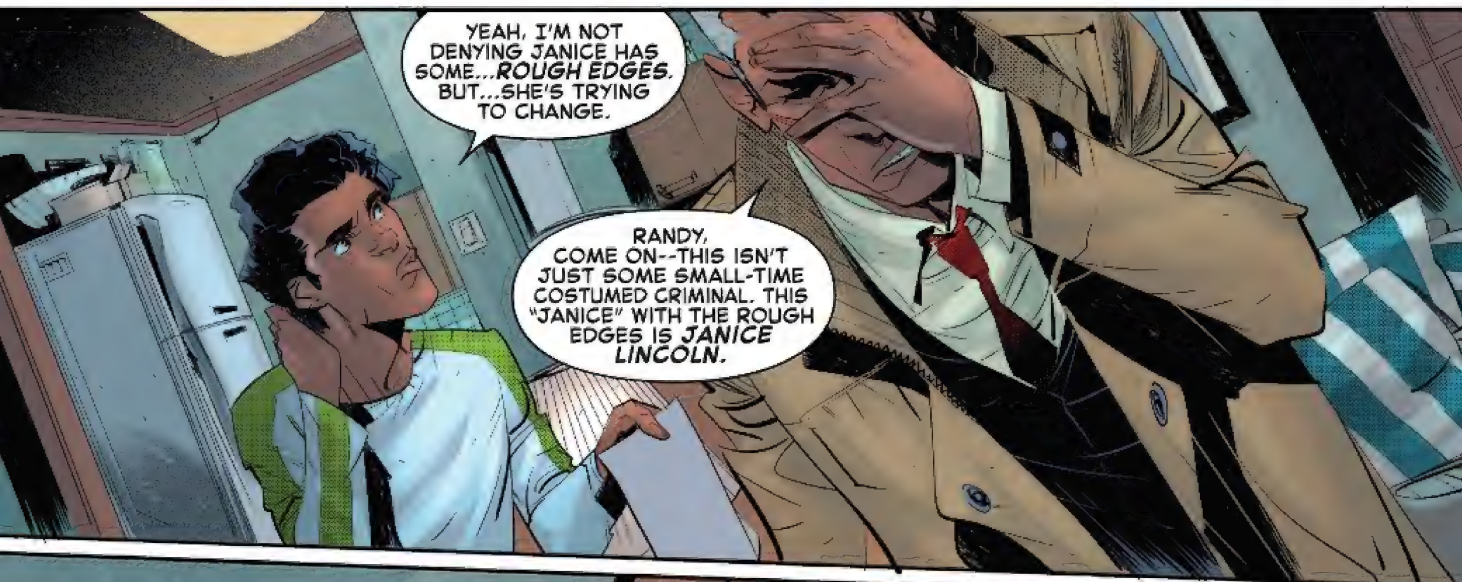


OKAY, YEAH--I GET WHY YOU'RE MAD. BUT I *PROMISE*--IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. I MEAN, IT *IS* WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, BUT--

RANDY, YOU NEED TO *END* THIS.

YOU JUST TOLD ME TO GET BACK *TOGETHER* WITH HER!

THAT WAS *BEFORE* I KNEW SHE WAS A *SUPER VILLAIN*!



YEAH, I'M NOT DENYING JANICE HAS SOME...*ROUGH EDGES*. BUT...SHE'S TRYING TO CHANGE.

RANDY, COME ON--THIS ISN'T JUST SOME SMALL-TIME COSTUMED CRIMINAL. THIS "*JANICE*" WITH THE *ROUGH EDGES* IS *JANICE LINCOLN*.



LINCOLN.

THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.



?SIGH? AND NOW WE GET TO WHAT YOU'RE REALLY MAD ABOUT.

YOU'RE DARN RIGHT--THIS IS **TOMBSTONE'S DAUGHTER!**

THE MAN WHO MADE MY LIFE A **LIVING HELL** FOR TWENTY YEARS.



DAD, I **GET** ALL THAT, I REALLY DO--

--BUT WE'RE OUR OWN PEOPLE. JANICE IS NOT **TOMBSTONE--**AND I AM NOT YOU.

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING THIS **STUPID!**

YOU DON'T EVEN **KNOW** HER!

I **KNOW** **PLENTY.**



I **KNOW** WHAT HAPPENED TO THE **F.E.A.S.T. CENTER** AND ALL THE **HARD WORK** YOU PUT IN THERE ONLY TO SEE HER **BLOW IT UP!**

SHE'S TRYING TO **FIX** THAT!



?SIGH? YOU CAN'T **SAVE EVERYONE, RANDY.** YOU DON'T WANNA **LISTEN** TO ME? FINE.



LET'S SEE HOW LONG THIS **LITTLE ROMANCE** OF YOURS LASTS ONCE SHE'S **BEHIND BARS--**WHERE SHE **BELONGS!**



AND IF THAT WENT **BADLY--**

--IT WAS NOTHING
COMPARED TO
HOW THINGS
WENT UPTOWN.

NO
##@%& WAY.
YOU HEAR
ME?!

BOOM

NO
DAUGHTER
OF MINE IS
GONNA DATE A
ROBERTSON--
YOU HEAR
ME?!

UGH.

YOU REALIZE
THE MORE YOU
COMPLAIN ABOUT IT,
THE MORE ATTRACTIVE
HE SEEMS,
RIGHT?!

YOU'RE
LUCKY I DON'T
SET THIS THING
TO VAPORIZE!

HEY,
SIRI. PLAY
"PAPA DON'T
PREACH."



I DUNNO,
RANDY...

I THINK
YOUR DAD
IS RIGHT.



OKAY, *HOLD UP*--PUTTING
THAT ASIDE, PETE--I JUST
TOLD YOU I'M DATING
A **SUPER VILLAIN**.
AND YOU BARELY
REACTED.

YEAH, ABOUT
THAT... I KINDA
ALREADY
KNEW.

WHAT?!

WELL,
SPIDER-MAN
TOLD ME--



SPIDER-MAN
KNOWS?!



YEP. HE SAW YOU AND HER.
UH--HE DIDN'T *MEAN* TO!
HE WASN'T, Y'KNOW, BEING A
SPIDER-CREEP. IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT.

SOMETIMES
WHEN HE CRAWLS
BY WINDOWS, HE
SEES THINGS NO
ONE SHOULD
EVER SEE.

BUT
WHAT I WANNA
KNOW IS--



--HOW DID THE
TWO OF YOU EVEN
MEET?!

I MEAN,
THIS IS TOO
HILARIOUS.



WELL, I'M GLAD
YOU ALL ARE SO
ENTERTAINED.

OH, *COME*
ON--THIS IS
PRETTY GREAT.
BIG-TIME SUPER-CROOK
JANICE LINCOLN
IS DATING A
CIVILIAN?

A CIVILIAN
WHO'S A DO-GOODER
SOCIAL WORKER THAT
YOUR MOB BOSS DAD
HATES BECAUSE OF
HIS DAD.

HE'S
CUTE, TOO.
I JUST
FACEBOOK-
STALKED
HIM.



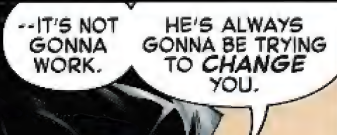
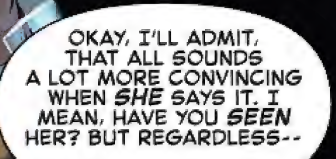
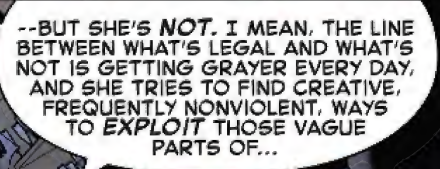
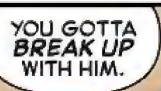
I LOVE IT. IT'S LIKE
ROMEO AND JULIET.
IF JULIET ALSO PULLED
OFF **JEWEL HEISTS**
ON THE SIDE.

AND WE ALL KNOW
HOW GREAT THAT
TURNED OUT.

WHICH
BRINGS US
BACK TO HOW
IT *BEGAN*.

SIGH...
IT'S ACTUALLY
A GREAT STORY...



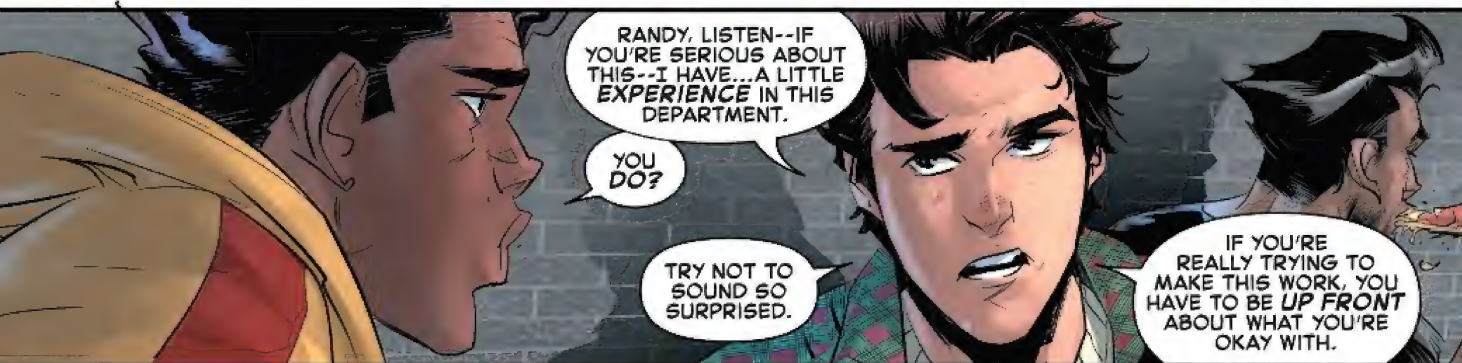




HATE TO SAY IT, BUT SCORPIA'S RIGHT. SOUNDS LIKE THE DUDE HAS A SERIOUS **SAVIOR COMPLEX**. HE'LL **WHITE KNIGHT** YOU ALL THE WAY OUT THE DOOR. AND WE GET **ENOUGH** OF THAT.

HMPH, I **AGREE**. IT'S QUITE SIMILAR TO WHEN **HAWKEYE** AND I--

WE **GET** IT, LORRAINE. IT HAPPENED **ONCE**.



RANDY, LISTEN--IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS--I HAVE...A LITTLE **EXPERIENCE** IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

YOU **DO**?

TRY NOT TO SOUND SO **SURPRISED**.

IF YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO MAKE THIS WORK, YOU HAVE TO BE **UP FRONT** ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE OKAY WITH.



LAY DOWN SOME **GROUND RULES**.

SHOW 'IM WHO'S **BOSS**.

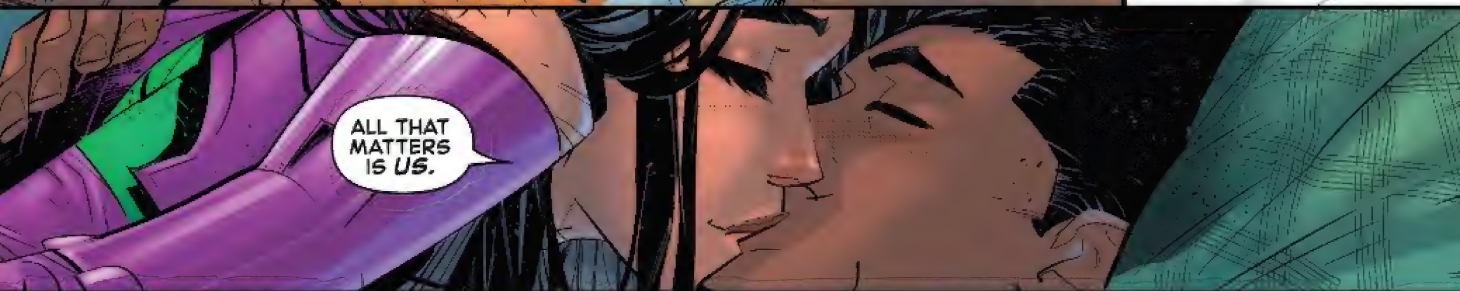
IT'S THE ONLY **WAY**.



YOU HAVE TO HAVE A **REAL TALK** WITH HER.



YOU GOTTA **TALK** TO HIM.





YEAH, YOU KNOW, LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT.

RANDY-- THAT IS NOT WHAT I SAID.



I'VE EXPLAINED THIS-- THE LINE BETWEEN WHAT'S LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IS GETTING GRAYER BY THE DAY, AND WHAT I DO IS EXPLOIT--

LA LA LA, DON'T LOOK AT HER WHEN SHE SAYS IT--



UNBELIEVABLE.

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

CLEARLY NOWHERE WITH YOU, WHICH IS YOUR LOSS, BUDDY--

--BECAUSE WHAT WE JUST DID? IS ALWAYS BETTER AFTER YOU'VE JUST ROBBED A BANK.

DID-- DID YOU JUST ROB A BANK?

AND NO ONE GOT HURT! SEE? THE SYSTEM WORKS!



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... DAD WAS RIGHT. YOU'RE NEVER GONNA CHANGE.

AND MY FRIENDS WERE RIGHT. ALL YOU'RE GONNA DO IS TRY TO CHANGE ME.

YOU'RE A CRIMINAL!

AND YOU'RE A SOCIAL WORKER! IF I CAN SEE PAST YOUR FLAWS, WHY CAN'T YOU SEE PAST MINE?



YOU KNOW WHAT, MAYBE WE SHOULD--

FREEZE AND COME ALONG QUIETLY?



NAH, YOU WERE GONNA SAY SOMETHING ELSE.

UH... ARE THESE FRIENDS OF YOURS?

NO.



GET DOWN, SWEETIE.



BLEESH

KRAK

CRIME MASTER, RIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE WORKING STATEN ISLAND THESE DAYS.



LOOKING TO EXPAND, EASY NOW. LITTLE GIRL, WE DON'T WANNA HURT--



SKASH

PLANS--

--THEY'RE GREAT 'TIL YOU GET PUNCHED IN THE FACE, RIGHT?

ONE MORE PIECE TO GO.

'COURSE, THAT'S NOT COUNTING ALL THE PIECES KINGPIN HAS...

I TOLD YOU, FRED. LET ME--AND SPIDER-MAN--WORRY ABOUT THOSE.

YOU JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET THAT **LAST VISION** FROM THE OLD CLERK GIVING US A LOCATION--ANYTHING YET?

NOTHING. IT'S GONNA BE BEAUTIFUL, THOUGH. AIN'T IT?

IT SURE IS.


MAN, I GOTTA ADMIT--THIS FEELS GOOD. MY CHANCE TO FINALLY DO SOMETHING RIGHT.

MY CHANCE TO BE A HERO.

STILL, GOTTA ADMIT--

--I DID NOT SEE THAT COMING.

SLAM



THIS
ONE IS
NOT TO BE
TRIFLED
WITH.

WHOA. MADAME
MASQUE. OKAY. BIG FAN. BIG,
BIG FAN. I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, YOU'VE BEEN
A ROLE MODEL AND AN INSPIRATION TO ME FOR
SO MANY YEARS. NOT JUST BEING AN INCREDIBLY
SUCCESSFUL FEMALE MOB BOSS, BUT ALSO
HAVING TO DO ALL THAT FROM THE SHADOW
OF A SUCCESSFUL FATHER IN
THE SAME INDUSTRY--

--AND FOR YOU
TO SAY, ABOUT ME,
THAT I'M "NOT ONE TO BE
TRIFLED WITH" IS REALLY
JUST AN INCREDIBLE
HON--

KRAK

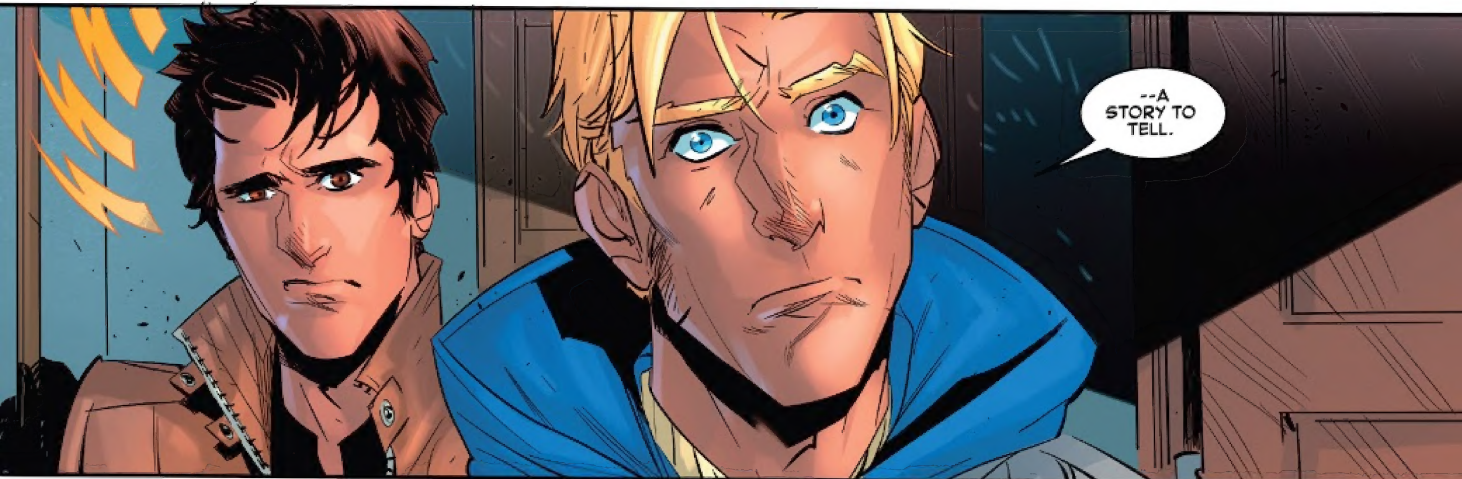
I MAY BE
GETTING SOFT
IN MY AGE,
GIRL--

--BUT
NOT THAT
SOFT.

ALL RIGHT,
THEN, LET'S
GET THESE
TWO--

RANDY?

YOU
DECENT? MAN,
HAVE WE
GOT--





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CONTINUED!

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